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would further investigation lead to anything interesting? Presumably not. What is Mackintosh's history & how did he come into the firm?

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16/10/35.

Mackintosh was originally in Chilean nitrates and had considerable Indian experience. The Dutch firm was organised after the (Par. War) price-cutting war between German P&T and French (Alsatian) P&T companies. When both interests decided to work together to market their products. As a result the Dutch Coy. was expected to find employment for a certain number of German & French experts. This is how Pickenbach came in. It was the nominee of the German interests. There was a Frenchman here also for some time, but he was moved elsewhere.

Mackintosh was approached in London in 1930 by the Dutch Firm, one of whom Director he knew, as having considerable Indian experience, and he left the

Chilean nitrates seeing better prospects in this Firm.

Hoechinbotham has telephoned to this HQ. in Holland that the firm's situation in Chile has so far had no effect and expects to have to close down, especially as export from the particular Potash deposits in which this Firm is interested will probably be impossible and he does not know whether this Firm will be able to arrange for other sources of supply.

The Reid Firm did at first, 1931-32, try to sell Potash direct, but gave it up as it conflicted with other established companies' interests (Penny No. 1 Stinkin) and since then have confined their activities to experimental propaganda for increasing Potash sales.

Pickenbrock has his own stool cabinet at the Firm. I have been through it. Correspondence shows that he was in direct correspondence with Berlin on business matters. This correspondence was all in German. Hoechinbotham apparently knows nothing about it - he does not understand a word of German. I gather that Pickenbrock did not approve of Hoechinbotham's policy. But as this is purely a matter of business, I did

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE AGENT
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"THISTLE"

BANGALORE 13th. October 19 39.

No. 1554

Messrs.M.V.Overseecho Kali
Export Manufacturing Co.,
8, Infantry Road,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE
16/10/39
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Dear Sirs,

I have to advise that a report has been made to the Deputy Controller of Enemy Firms, Bombay to the effect that you are an enemy firm and your account at this Office has been "blocked".

Please note that no further withdrawals will be permitted from your account until further notice.

Pending instructions from the Deputy Controller you are instructed not to part with or alienate in any manner whatsoever, any stocks or other properties belonging to the Company.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) J.A.Gill.

Agent,
Imperial Bank of India and
INSPECTOR OF ENEMY FIRMS AND
AGENT OF CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY.

Copy to H.Trevelyan,Esq.,I.C.S.,Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident, Bangalore for information.

INSPECTOR OF ENEMY FIRMS AND
AGENT OF CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY.

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
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The Deputy Controller of Enemy Firms,
Reserve Bank Buildings,
B o m b a y.

Sir,

N.V.OVERZEESCHE KALI EXPORT MAATSCHAPPIJ.

I have the honour to report for the orders of Government the case of the above Company.

This is a limited liability company with its Head - Office in Amsterdam. It has a Branch in Bangalore (C. & M. Station) and is believed to have some Offices in other parts of the world but particulars of these are not available locally. Its authorised capital is Dutch Guilders 500,000. divided into 100 shares of five thousand Guilders each. According to the latest available Balance Sheet (31st December 1937) the issued capital is Dutch Guilders 100,000. The shares are to bearer.

The original directorate was as follows:-

B.Thomas	Berlin.
A.Kuhn	Mulhouse.
R.Gabriel	Berlin.
R.Gadonneix	Mulhouse.

The same gentlemen have signed the Balance Sheet of 31st December 1937.

The names, addresses and nationality of the present directorate as per the information supplied to me by the Bangalore Branch of the concern, are as follows:-

August Diehn, 28, Dessauer Strasse, BERLIN.	GERMAN.
Jean Louis Le Cornec, Mulhouse (Haut Rhin), FRANCE.	FRENCH.
Bruno Thomas, 31/32, Karlsruher Strasse, Halensee, BERLIN.	GERMAN.
Rene Marie Felix Gadonneix, Mulhouse (Haut Rhin), FRANCE.	FRENCH.
Rudolf Gabriel, 28, Dessauer Strasse, BERLIN.	GERMAN.
Armand Kuhn, Mulhouse (Haut Rhin), FRANCE.	FRENCH.

The local Branch has not been able to supply me with information re. the directorate at the outbreak of war. The attorneys in Bangalore are:-

A.E.Mackintosh (British).

P.Piekenbrock (German now interned at Ahmednagar).

The business of the concern is of a scientific nature and confined to carrying out manurial experiments on different crops and soils in India. They carry no stocks in India other than about 12 cwts. of Sulphate of Potash stocked on their behalf by the Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Karachi, for experimental requirements.

As three of the six directors of the Company were enemy subjects according to the latest information available and one of the local attorneys was a German, the Company is an

enemy firm within the meaning of Defence of India Rule 103(2)(c) and (d)(i) and (ii). I therefore request that Government be moved to order that the concern be declared an enemy firm and the vesting of its property in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

I recommend that the concern be liquidated under the supervision of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

It may be remembered that the local branch of the concern is situated in the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore and that accordingly its references to the Central Government in the relative portions of the Defence of India Rules should be construed as references to the Crown Representative.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) J.A.Gill.

INSPECTOR OF ENEMY FIRMS AND
AGENT OF CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY.

Copy to H.Trevelyan,Esq.,I.C.S., Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore for information.

INSPECTOR OF ENEMY FIRMS AND
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All Letters to be Addressed:
"IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA."

Telegraphic Address:
"THISTLE."

Imperial Bank of India,

BANGALORE, 11th. Novr. 1939.

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15/11/39

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir, Appointment of Inspectors of Enemy Trading.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. F.193-39(7)/W *of the 9th instant with enclosures as stated.*

15/11/39
OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE
Recd. No. W/904
File No. 193-39(7)W.

Yours faithfully,

Agent.

No. 580c.

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All Letters to be Addressed :
IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA."

Telegraphic Address :
"THISTLE."

Imperial Bank of India,

BANGALORE, 24th Novr. 1939 ,

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. F.193-39(7)/M. *of the 23rd instant with enclosures as stated.* for which I thank you.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE.
28/V/39
Recd. No. W/1016.
File No.
No. 580c.

Yours faithfully,

Agent.

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MPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

Imperial Bank of India,

Telegraphic Address:
"THISTLE."

BANGALORE, 11th Novr. 1939,

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

ENEMY PROPERTY.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. F.193-39(7)/W

of the 9th *instant with enclosures as stated.*

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE.
Recd. No. W/905
File 193-39(7)W.

Yours faithfully,

Agent.

No. 580c.